

Secretary's Report

This report details the day to day activities of the ASCA Board of Directors and includes issues brought before the ASCA Board and communications done by mail, fax, e-mail and/or phone.

August 1 - 31, 2005

04:06 SHOW RULE CHANGE-

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Davenport.
I move to approve the following motion:

Remove ' or the sponsoring club' from Section 9.4 of the Show Rules and Regulations:

SECTION 9.4 No entry shall be accepted for any disqualified dog or from any person who is not in good standing with ASCA or the sponsoring club, on the day of the closing of the entries. Before accepting entries, a list of disqualified dogs and persons not in good standing will be provided by the ASCA Business Office as part of the show packet/books.

To read:

SECTION 9.4 No entry shall be accepted for any disqualified dog or from any person who is not in good standing with ASCA, on the day of the closing of the entries. Before accepting entries, a list of disqualified dogs and persons not in good standing will be provided by the ASCA Business Office as part of the show packet/books.

Directors voting: Approve: Aufox, Gray, Bryant, Walter, Davenport, Stevens, Hellmeister & DeChant. Disapprove: Hollen. Motion is approved.

97:14 DNA COMMITTEE-Reg. Rules Sec. 1.1.

Motion by DeChant

I move that the following recommendation from the DNA & Genetics Committee be approved.

Motion by Lori, second by Liz

I move to make the following changes to the ASCA Registry Rules:

Section 1.1 Terminology

Change to read as follows:

DNA-CP - DNA Certified Profiled - An ASCA registered Australian Shepherd that has been DNA profiled with an ASCA approved lab, but one or both of whose parents have NOT been DNA profiled.

DNA-VP - DNA-Verified Parentage - An ASCA registered Australian Shepherd that has been DNA profiled with an ASCA approved lab, and whose parents have been DNA profiled with an ASCA approved lab.

Comments: Just cleaned up wording a little bit and added "with an ASCA approved lab"

Section 1.3 to read as follows:

1. The over-age parent(s) must be DNA profiled with an ASCA approved lab, if not already enrolled in ASCA's DNA-VP program.
3. Any parent of such a litter that is not over-age shall also be profiled with an ASCA approved lab if not already enrolled in ASCA's DNA-VP program.

Comment: added "with an ASCA approved lab"

Same Section (1.3) Subtitle- Multiple Sired Litters
delete the wording, "(including, but not limited to: blood draw, hair pull or cheek swab)" at the end of the paragraph.

Comment: We should not state how DNA sampling is to occur as methodology can change i.e. no longer hair pulls, and now we have blood cards. As science evolves, sampling methods can too.

Chapter Two, Section 2.1 Artificial Insemination

Change 1. to read:

1. Sire and dam must be DNA profiled by a lab approved by ASCA.

Comment: removed words "identified with a tattoo or microchip" due to these were words used in the past prior to having the ability to use DNA fingerprinting as a means of identification.

2. delete the word "breed" and replace with "and". Delete the last part of the sentence, "and either the tattoo or microchip number".

This section will now read: Collected frozen or chilled semen will be permanently identified with the ASCA Individual Registration Number, date collected, and registered ASCA name.

Comment: self-explanatory

3. Delete this whole sentence. Comment: It is redundant and already covered in #1 above.

Section 2.2.2

Remove "(currently ImmGen)" from second line.

Comment: Self-explanatory

Section 2.2.6

Delete this whole section as it no longer applies.

Section 2.2.8

Part 1, last part of the "Rule", delete the "1,2" a typo.

Section 2.2.8 under "Definitions", 3)b) Add the word "Complaint" and the words, "as provided below" at the end of the sentence, so that it reads: b) No other litters which were whelped, or sired by dogs owned, co-owned or otherwise in the legal custody of said breeder/stud owner will be registered by ASCA until and unless satisfactory attempts have been made to comply with the ASCA DNA Complaint Resolution Rule as provided below.

ASCA DNA COMPLAINT RESOLUTION RULES-General Procedure

Change the third sentence to read as follows: "If no acceptable DNA material is available from the parents, for DNA analysis....."

Comment: Just easier reading and removed sampling methods.

Section I ASCA Initiated Procedure

#3. delete sampling methods

#4. delete the letter "e" at the end of the word "dam" (because it's not "dame" .

Section II Protest Initiate Procedure

#9. delete sampling methods (twice-they are listed 2 times in this paragraph).

Committee votes: Approved: Devona, Liz, Joan, Marilyn, Lori, Laura, Jamie, Linda, Kelli, Sandra, Sally and Chris Non-voting: Kim

Directors voting: Approve: Aufox, Gray, Hellmeister, DeChant, Bryant, Walter, Hollen & Davenport. Disapprove: Stevens. Motion is approved.

99:10 TRACKING COMMITTEE - CH.2, Sec. 14

Motion by Gray

I move to approve the following:

I, Celeste Kelly, and seconded by Susan Schroeder, move that we delete from Chapter 2, Section 14, Leash, Harness and Distance between Handler and Dog, the section in the first sentence of the first paragraph that states, ".....and visibly marked at a point 20 feet from the dog."

The new sentence would then read: "The leash shall be between 20 and 40 feet in length."

Comments: Judges should be able to determine whether a team is, or is not, tracking at a distance 20 feet back from the dog. Marking the line is not needed, and can cause unnecessary concern for first time handlers; as well as physically weaken the lead, and cause catch spots in the line while working in some terrains.

Voting in favor of this motion: Craig Bohren, Susan Schroeder, Celeste Kelly, Deb St. Jacques, Judy Whittacker, Ralph Single, and Jane Palmer. None opposed.

Here is the discussion:

I personally like my 20 ft. marker. Whether it is needed or not, I feel it helps me. If the bush is too dense I just gather my line up get a little closer to a void tangles, feed out as soon as possible. Would one get penalized for keeping it???? Jane Palmer

I certainly hope not. I, too, like having a marker. I see only one tiny advantage for not requiring it. Not knowing exactly where the 20-foot mark would prevent excessively picky judges from failing a handler who moved closer than exactly 20 feet from the dog. But I do not know of any tracking judges who are so concerned with exact distances. I have never heard of anyone failing because of not being exactly 20 feet behind a dog when moving forward. Almost all tracking judges want teams to pass. Nitpicking tracking judges are rare. Craig Bohren

Hi Craig! You wrote: I certainly hope not. I, too, like having a marker. I see only one tiny advantage for not requiring it. Not knowing exactly where the 20-foot mark would prevent excessively picky judges from failing a handler who moved closer than exactly 20 feet from the dog.

You have hit the nail on the head. Most judges don't want to be forced into the role of "20 foot distance police." Simply estimating the distance and watching the working style of the team makes judging a bit easier. Thanks, Anne Hershey

I think we should do away with the marker. I feel most judges can tell if a person is running in to close to their dog. Deb

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

96:17 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP-Non-regular
Motion by Hellmeister.

I move to accept the following recommendation by the Junior Committee:

Motion by Melissa Borde, second by Andrew Marti:

Non-Regular Junior Handling Classes. The following Non-Regular Junior Handling Classes may be offered at ASCA-sanctioned shows and specialties, at the discretion of the hosting club: A. Pee-Wee. This class shall be for boys and girls who are at least 3 years old and under 6 years old as of June 1st. B. Sub-Junior. This class shall be for boys and girls who are at least 6 years old and under 8 years old as of June 1st. Pee-Wees and sub-juniors must be in control of their dogs, but in the case of unforeseen trouble help may come into the ring. Judges judging the Pee-Wee and Sub-Junior classes are not to award placements, but shall award an appropriate ribbon and/or gift to all exhibitors in both classes. Juniors from the Pee-Wee and Sub-Junior classes shall not be eligible to compete for Best Junior Handler or Reserve Junior Handler, nor will they be eligible to receive points toward the ASCA Junior Showmanship program. This section shall go immediately after Section II H that has already been approved leaving space for #1. The effective date shall be Jan 1 2006 and be printed in the Aussie Times as soon as possible and printed in the mid-year rule book. Please delete the sections titled Sect I "Junior Handling Classes, Non-Regular" page 3 from the rule book dated 1-1-05.

Committee votes: In Favor: Unanimous

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

80:33 HOSTING NATLS RULES

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Davenport.

I move to change the Nationals Hosting Rules from:

3.3 The Nationals Host Club has the exclusive right to market ASCA National Specialty souvenir items for the year in which they host the ASCA National Specialty. When applying for sanctioning, the Host Club must file a Trademark Licensing Form indicating their intent to use any ASCA trademarks for merchandise in conjunction with the words "year National Specialty". There will be no fee charged to the Host Club for the use of ASCA's trademarks.

To read:

3.3 ASCA grants the Nationals Host Club the exclusive right to market ASCA National Specialty souvenir items for the year in which they host the ASCA National Specialty. ASCA reserves the right to market any and all merchandise pertaining to any ASCA Finals event. If the Nationals Host Club wishes to market Finals souvenir items, permission must be obtained from the ASCA Board of Directors. When applying for sanctioning, the Host Club must file a Trademark Licensing Form indicating their intent to use any ASCA trademarks for merchandise in conjunction with the words "year National Specialty". There will be no fee charged to the Host Club for the use of ASCA's trademarks.

Directors voting: Approve: Unanimous. Motion is approved.

Approved:

Jean Miller to be hired as Office Manager, pending bonding, references, and approval of contract